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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mark Connolly

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,7 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,6,8-10 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-12 have been presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: The claim language “wherein said electronic device is switched to said first power mode when said first number is larger than a predetermined value” is repeated in the claim [see lines 9-12]. For examination purposes, the second instance of the above language is interpreted as being absent from the claim. Appropriate correction is required.
3. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: “...during said sampling time units as being said when said temporary...” should be corrected to state “...during said sampling time units as being said *first operation state* when said temporary...” Appropriate correction is required.
4. Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 12 is identical to claim 8 and both are directly dependent from claim 7. For examination purposes, it is interpreted that claim 12 is dependent from claim 11. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
6. Claims 2, 6, 8 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains,

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or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. It is unclear how the device can be set to the first operation state *during* the sampling time unit when the temporary accumulated quantity of transferred data, required to decide if the setting to the first operation state is appropriate, is not calculated until the *end* of the sampling time unit. For examination purposes, it has been interpreted that the device is *categorized* to be at a first operation state when the temporary accumulated quantity of transferred data substantially equals the accumulated quantity of transferred data as supported on pages 3 and 4 of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawata US Pat No 6076171.

9. Referring to claim 1, Kawata teaches the method including:

a. setting up a sampling time span that includes a plurality of sampling time units [col. 3 lines 11-14].

b. determining the operation state of said electronic device at each said sampling time unit [col. 3 lines 11-14].

c. calculating a first ratio of said sampling time units in which said electronic device is operated under said first operation state [col. 3 lines 11-14].

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- d. operating said electronic device according to said first ratio, wherein said electronic device is switched to said first power mode when said first ratio is larger than a predetermined value, wherein said electronic device is switched to said second power mode when said first ratio is smaller than the predetermined value [fig. 12, col. 1 lines 6-10 and col. 12 lines 35-59].
10. Referring to claims 5, 7 and 11, these rejected on the same basis as set forth hereinabove.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-10 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Connolly whose telephone number is (571) 272-3666. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-5PM (except every first Friday).

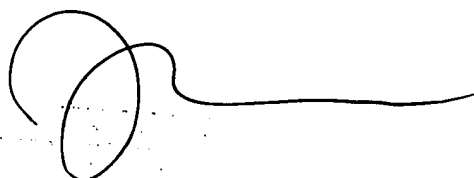
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-3667. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Mark Connolly
Examiner
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June 20, 2006

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.